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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY ON
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

REF: STATE 229120

1. AN EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED THE POINTS RAISED IN
PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL WITH DR. GAERTNER OF THE
FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY. GAERTNER REVIEWED THE FRG
POSITION ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN DETAIL. IN
RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION FOR A RANKING OF THE
ISSUES ACCORDING TO THEIR IMPORTANCE, GAERTNER
MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING THREE ISSUES:

1. THE COVERAGE OF THE CODE, IN PARTICULAR WHAT
POSITION THE USG WOULD TAKE ON APPLICATION OF THE
CODE TO NON-FEDERAL, I.E., STATE AND LOCAL, GOVERNING
UNITS;

2. THE LIST OF EXCEPTIONS, WITH INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, AID RELATED PURCHASING, AND OFFSET
PROBLEMS MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY; AND
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3. THE USG POSITION ON PUBLICIZING INFORMATION, EX POST FACTO, ON ALL CONTRACTS, QUOTE AUTOMATICALLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY END QUOTE. GAERTNER SAID THAT REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE FIRST ISSUE WOULD PROBABLY NOT IMPROVE THE CHANCES FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE LAST ISSUE, SINCE THE FRG WAS FUNDAMENTALLY OPPOSED TO THE USG POSITION ON THE LATTER ISSUE.

2. GAERTNER SAID THE FRG HAD DISCUSSED THE ISSUES WITH OTHER EC MEMBERS TO ASSURE THAT ANY PROPOSED OECD GUIDELINES WERE NOT IN FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT WITH EC GUIDELINES.

3. THE FRG DELEGATION AT THE DECEMBER 10-13 MEETING WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTERIAL DIRIGENT FRANK OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY, HEAD OF THE SECTION ON COMPETITION AND PRICE POLICY, AND WILL INCLUDE, BESIDES GAERTNER, MR. MIEYER ROSA A TECHNICAL EXPERT FROM THE POSTAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY.
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